Disastrous situation of Handloom Weaving Industry

1807. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that handloom weaving industry is facing a disastrous situation in the country;

(b) the schemes for rehabilitation of these industries, State-wise; and

(c) the number of people involved in these industry, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been implementing a number of schemes for the development of die handloom sector and the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country which include:—

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Mill Gate Price Scheme.
3. Setting up of Marketing Complexes.
4. Publicity and Exhibition Scheme
5. Development of Exportable Product and their Marketing.
6. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
7. Health Package Scheme.
8. Group Insurance Scheme.
9. Thrift Fund Scheme.
10. Setting up of Enforcement Machinery.
11. National Centre for Textile Design.

The handloom sector is not facing any disastrous situation and hence there is no need for introducing any rehabilitation scheme as the existing schemes are comprehensive.

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(c) A statement showing the State-wise details of people involved in the handloom indsutry is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise details of number of persons involved in the handloom industry

S.No.	States	Number of persons involved in handloom industry
1.	Andhra Pradesh	490616
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	53473
3.	Assam	2322268
4.	Bihar	110732
5.	Chhattisgarh	28362
6.	Delhi	6708
7.	Goa	25
8.	Gujarat	57936
9.	Haryana	22810
10.	Himachal Pradesh	65099
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	51847
12.	Jharkhand	56975
13.	Karnataka	177562
14.	Kerala	63153
15.	Madhya Pradesh	27744
16.	Maharashtra	80901
17.	Manipur	462087
18.	Meghalaya	Data not received
19.	Mizoram	Data not received
20.	Nagaland	126228
21.	Orissa	246782
22.	Pondicherry	7369

S.No.	States	Number of persons involved in handloom industry
23.	Punjab	13160
24.	Rajasthan	71915
25.	Sikkim	1228
26.	Tamil Nadu	607675
27.	Tripura	291761
28.	Uttar Pradesh	401362
29.	Uttranchal	19322
30.	West Bengal	686254
	TOTAL:	6551354

NOTE: Source: Handloom Census 1995-96.

Curtailing the Textiles Quota of Indian Exporters by the U.S.

1808. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. is contemplating to curtail textiles quota of Indian exporters; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to restore the quota of the Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. (b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Competitors in Textile Exports

1809. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China are the main competitors in textile exports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help Indian Textile exporters and make them competitive with their neighbours; and